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Bublé's Juno wins could double with 6 new nods

MUSIC Burnaby's Michael Bublé, fresh off the Olympic stage, received six Juno nominations yesterday when contenders were announced.

Bublé

Along with the six-time winner, there are 94 first-time nominees in this year's class. The Juno Awards are on April 18 in St. John's, N.L.

Bublé will compete for the Juno fan choice award, single of the year for Haven't Met You Yet, album of the year for his international hit Crazy Love, artist of the year, songwriter of the year and pop album of the year.

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Relay will take 10 days to reach Vancouver for March 12 opening ceremonies

PARALYMPIC 2010 Games

TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Canada

Over the last few weeks, the 2010 Winter Olympic Games brought this country together in ways that few people could have imagined.

"But we're only at the halfway point," said VANOC CEO John Furlong, at a ceremony to kick off the Paralympic torch relay on Parliament Hill yesterday.

The 10-day relay takes the flame east into Quebec before making stops in Toronto and then onto British Columbia for the opening ceremonies in Vancouver on March 12.

The motto for the relay is, "Spark becomes Flame."

That flame, said Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday, should make all Canadians very proud. It is that same flame that brought the country together and inspired athletes to bring in a national record medal haul and set a new standard for gold medals at a Winter Games by any country, he said.

"In Canada, sports matter, the Olympic Games matter, the Paralympic Games matter, and you are making our country proud," Harper said. "Make us proud all over again."

Unlike the Olympic flame, the Paralympic flame has no ancestral home, said International Paralympic Committee president Sir Phillip Craven.

"It's generated by Paralympians, games officials, volunteers, staff and spectators in which country the games are taking place," he said.

'Spark becomes Flame'

- Some 600 people will carry the flame before the Games begin with opening ceremonies at B.C. Place next Friday.
- Fifty-five Canadian athletes will join 1,300 competitors from 43 other countries.
- The Paralympics include five events: Alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, biathlon, curling and sledge hockey.

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Comedian Rick Mercer runs with the Paralympic Torch on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday morning, shortly after the flame was lit.

Tories lay out austerity plan for deficit fight

THRONE SPEECH Say goodbye to Canada's big-spending glory days.

After a controversial two-month parliamentary shutdown to "recalibrate" its agenda, the Conservative government laid out an austerity plan for the country in yesterday's throne speech in a bid to chop the record $56-billion deficit.

The government said it will restore the country's "fiscal balance" by restraining spending, starting with a proposed symbolic freeze on lofty MP salaries.

Despite the recalibration, there are no major new initiatives and no plans for huge spending cuts — and none of the big spending of past budgets.

As expected, the Tories confirmed that the last $19 billion from the big-money, recession-fighting stimulus fund will be doled out next fiscal year, and then the taps are off for good.

Entitled "A Strong Canada. A Strong Economy. Now and in the Future," the speech read by Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean outlines plans to promote jobs and industries of the future. And it revives the government's continuing "tough on crime" agenda with plans to bring back several justice bills.

"Canadians also realize that a balanced budget is not an end in itself, but the foundation of a strong and resilient economy," Jean said.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff called the speech "regurgitation" rather than recalibration.

NDP Leader Jack Layton said the speech falls short in several areas, including no plan to create jobs or fight climate change.

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Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean reads the throne speech in the Senate Chamber on Parliament Hill yesterday.

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News in brief

DEATH Burnaby RCMP have identified a woman who died after collapsing on Rumble Street early Tuesday morning but have not released her name. The death is being treated as suspicious.

ARREST An 18-year-old alleged car thief says he's relieved to have been arrested because he was tired of being on the run, news1130.com reports. Kalvin Douglas McCurdy, one of the province's top 10 wanted alleged car thieves, was arrested in Surrey on Friday.

TEENS The sudden deaths of two teen girls, aged 16 and 17, may be linked, RCMP said yesterday. The girls knew each other and one died in Richmond, the other in Burnaby. Investigators have ordered toxicology tests to see if alcohol or drugs were factors.

CRASH Police are asking for witnesses to a fatal head-on crash on Highway 99 in Surrey around 9:15 p.m. on Feb. 13. They are asking the driver of a dark-blue pickup truck that was heading southbound at Highway 99 near Highway 91 to contact police.

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Business better than expected for cabbies

Companies feared lull in fares during Olympics

Vancouver taxi companies, which were bracing for a lull in fares during the Games, say they're pleasantly surprised with how business turned out in the end.

"It turned out better than we were hoping for," said Amrik Mahil, president of Black Top and Checker Cabs, adding that night shifts and those near Olympic venues outside the downtown core were the most lucrative.

Before the Games, Mahil told Metro Vancouver that new driving restrictions and the completion of the Canada Line were contributing to a 45 per cent decrease in business.

But, in the end, transit services were so packed that frustrated commuters wound up calling taxis to get home after events.

"At Londsdale Quay, a couple of our cars dropped off there and there were people who were lining up for hours who said, 'Just take us.'"

John Palis, managing administrator for Yellow Cab, said day business was slow in part because of the sunshine and street-festival atmosphere, which made people more inclined to walk.

Mahil and Palis said the police and city staff were helpful and friendly, and worked into the early hours to help co-ordinate traffic near taxi stands.

"The taxi industry is (now) watching to see what kind of post-Olympic impact (the Canada Line) is going to have on our industry," Palis said.

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Amrik Mahil, president of Black Top and Checker Cabs, is seen outside King Edward Canada Line Station in this file photo.

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B.C. Hydro looking to hike electricity rates

UPGRADES B.C. Hydro says it needs to raise electricity rates by almost nine per cent to help pay about $1.8 billion in facility upgrading costs in the coming year.

Crown-owned Hydro officials will appear before the B.C. Utilities Commission to ask for permission to raise rates, effective April 1.

Finance Minister Colin Hansen's provincial budget shows Hydro plans annual rate increases over the next four years, amounting to total increases of 33 per cent by the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Hydro spokeswoman Susan Danard says the only increase set in stone is the current proposed rate hike; the exact amount of the others depends on various factors like interest rates and construction schedules.

Danard says Hydro plans several extensive upgrading projects at existing Hydro facilities like the Revelstoke Dam.

She says the April 1 proposed increase amounts to about $7 more a month for average residential customers.

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Pilot dies in plane crash on island

INVESTIGATION A small ultra-light plane reportedly broke apart in the air over Vancouver Island yesterday before crashing to the ground and killing the pilot.

Two separate witnesses reported the plane breaking apart in mid-air about 10 kilometres west of Courtenay yesterday morning, said Lt. Paul Pendergast with the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Victoria.

Pendergast said the plane was an F11 ultra-light model that departed from a privately owned airfield. It crashed into a dense area known as Forbidden Plateau, which is surrounded by trees and brush.

"The indications were that pieces of the aircraft separated from the main aircraft, possibly wing or tail," he said.

Searchers located the plane's wreckage about three hours after the crash.

Pendergast said the pilot, a local man, was found dead and is believed to have been the lone person onboard.

It's not clear why the plane broke apart.

"The investigation will continue," said Pendergast.

A Cormorant helicopter from 19 Wing Comox was involved in the search, as was a ground search-and-rescue team and the Courtenay Fire Department.

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Province facing 'difficult' post-Games agreements

'06 deals used incentives for peaceful Olympics

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With the Olympics past, B.C. now turns its attention to the task of bargaining with 200,000 public sector employees whose collective agreements will expire within the next nine months.

About 180 public sector agreements, excluding nurses, physicians and K-12 teachers, will expire between March 31 and Dec. 31 of this year.

"It's a difficult round of bargaining," said Jim Sinclair, president of the B.C. Federation of Labour.

"The public sector employees understand that the economy is struggling. But at the end of the day, they also know that if they don't stand up for themselves, no one else will."

For the province, it's the largest round of bargaining since 2006, when then Finance Minister Carole Taylor used a $1-billion signing bonus and incentives to reach four-year agreements that ensured labour peace through the Olympics.

This time around, however, the government, which forecasts a 2010 budget deficit of $2.8 billion, enters negotiations with a "net-zero" mandate. It is seeking two-year terms with no net increase in compensation (although compensation trade-offs are possible).

The province has already made some headway, reaching agreements that cover about 70,000 workers.

On Tuesday, 17,000 community health workers ratified a two-year deal with no net wage and benefit increase. The province also has tentative deals with 47,000 health facilities employees and 1,400 professional staff.

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Ice sledge hockey is likely to be the hottest Paralympic sport.

Paralympic tix great bargain

EVENTS Tickets to Paralympics events are still available — and affordable.

Seats for the opening ceremonies next Friday can still be had for $30 to $175, a great bargain compared to the more than $1,000 people reportedly paid for the Olympic equivalent.

Tickets to almost any event, on any day, are available with some starting at $15.

Men's ice sledge hockey figures to be the premier event of the Paralympics and it'll cost $20 and up to watch matches at Thunderbird Arena at the University of B.C. GREG DOWNS/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

SHAKESPEARE Bard On The Beach, Vancouver's annual Shakespeare festival, has announced its 2010 lineup, which begins on June 3 and runs until Sept. 25. The season includes the comedy Much Ado About Nothing, tragedy Antony and Cleopatra, historical drama Henry V and Falstaff, an adaptation of Henry IV, I and II. Tickets run between $18.75 and $38.

GROW-OP RCMP in Ridge Meadows have seized — among other items — eight guns, three silencers, and drugs and ammunition after busting a grow-op on 100 Avenue. Arthur Eyford, 46, and a second man are facing numerous charges.

NO EVIDENCE A 14-year-old Port Alberni girl being investigated for her role in an alleged school-shooting plot south of the border won't be charged because of a lack of evidence, RCMP say. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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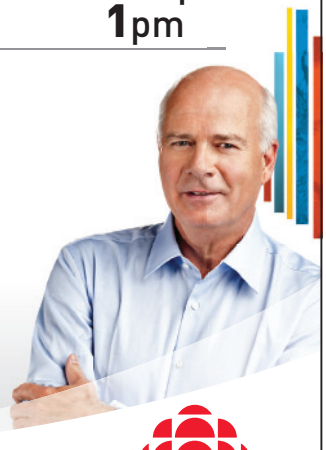

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Oval conversion begins

The Richmond Oval has begun its legacy transformation. Part of the conversion into public space will see the Oval shed its speed skating track and replace it with a multi-use ice surface. The Olympic venue reopens to the public in early April. METRO VANCOUVER

Gelato shop sues over Games

A Vancouver-area gelato shop is suing Olympic organizers and three levels of government for disrupting business during pre-Games road construction.

Mario's Gelati, located near the athletes' village, has filed a statement of claim in B.C. Supreme Court seeking damages for the effects of road work last year.

The business alleges city officials initially promised construction in front of the shop would only take a month to complete and the road and sidewalk would be restored to its original condition afterwards.

But the statement of claim, which also names the provincial and federal governments, says the project instead went on for seven months, lasting through the busy summer season, and the work is still affecting business.

The lawsuit appears to echo some of the arguments made by a merchant affected by the construction of the Canada Line rapid transit expansion in a case that saw that business owner awarded $600,000 last year.

The Mario Gelati statement of claim contains allegations that haven't been tested in court.

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Trooper, seen here in a photo provided by the B.C. SPCA.

SPCA seeking dog's owner

NEGLECTED The B.C. SPCA is looking for the owner of an extremely emaciated Golden Retriever found on Feb. 28.

Eileen Drever, senior animal protection officer, said the dog showed the worst signs of neglect she's seen in 30 years.

"I'm not sure how he even has the strength to stand," said Drever.

The dog, Trooper, was covered in mud, dirt and feces when discovered roaming around a Maple Ridge intersection. The dog weighed 11 kilograms, about a third of its optimal weight.

"He actually weighs less than his bag of dog food right now," Drever said.

Sores on the animal's body indicated abusive confinement. The dog is being fostered by shelter staff, who feed him six times a day.

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1 man, 2 years, 3 murder charges

CRIME A Metro Vancouver man has been charged with one count of second-degree murder, the third murder charge laid against him in just over two years.

RCMP Cpl. Dale Carr said 31-year-old Davey Mateo Butorac is accused in the death of Margaret Redford.

Carr says the body of the 47-year-old was found in a creek in Aldergrove in May 2006.

The police statement notes Butorac is in custody awaiting trial for the second-degree murders of two other Lower Mainland women, 50-year-old Sheryl Lynn Koroll and 46-year-old Gwendolyn Jo Lawton.

He was arrested and charged in connection with those killings in January 2008 and his trial is expected to begin in May.

Carr said Butorac will be tried separately for Redford's murder.

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ARRESTS Abbotsford Police have arrested two men who are believed to have gang associations. Both were arrested Tuesday after police found crack cocaine, powder cocaine and heroin while searching their home.

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Weed killer makes male frogs lay eggs, researchers say
One of the most common weed killers in the world, atrazine, can chemically castrate male frogs, turning them into females that lay eggs, researchers say. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Look, a unicorn

Throne speech plan to freeze salaries of feds akin to a rare sighting, says taxpayers' activist

The Harper government is getting praise for its proposal to freeze the salaries of federal politicians.

But the praise-givers realize it won't make a discernable dent in the $56-billion deficit.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation said the prospect of politicians tightening their belts is akin to "a unicorn sighting."

"It's something we called for and we're glad to see them actually doing it," said the federation's Kevin Gaudet.

"This is (an) eye-dropper, thimbleful approach." Kevin Gaudet

The government announced in yesterday's speech from the throne it will introduce legislation to freeze the salaries of the prime minister, cabinet ministers, MPs and senators. It will also freeze the overall budget for ministerial offices and departmental operating budgets. Gaudet described it as an important symbolic gesture.

"This is (an) eye-dropper, thimbleful approach," he said. "But it's necessary to give them the moral authority to do the stuff they're going to need to do.

The annual price tag for compensating 308 MPs and 105 senators tops $65 million. Their salaries automatically increase based on private-sector wage settlements. Last year, they got a 1.5 per cent raise, which would have cost the federal treasury roughly $1 million.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper follows Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean as they leave the Senate after the throne speech.

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Brazil let us down, says man in ocean shipwreck ordeal

HIGH SEAS The first officer of a Canadian tall ship that went down off Brazil said he and 63 others could have been rescued within hours if Brazilian officials had sent out an emergency call sooner.

Kim Smith said he knew there was at least one other vessel four hours away.

His training vessel, the Concordia, went over on its side on Feb. 17 and sank 20 minutes later.

Smith said an emergency beacon on the ship would have immediately alerted Brazilian officials to a problem when the Concordia heeled, about 500 kilometres offshore.

Smith said the Brazilians should have contacted other ships. He said it took about 20 hours before any distress call was issued and 40 hours before the crew was rescued.

"There was a vessel within four hours of us and I know they received a distress call almost instantly," he said from Lunenburg, N.S., the home base for the Concordia.

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News in brief

ANTHEM All those renditions of O Canada during the Vancouver Olympics seem to have the Prime Minister's Office singing a new tune. One of the surprises in the speech from the throne was a promise by the federal Conservatives to "examine the original gender-neutral English wording of the national anthem."

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THE SEXES Women have seen only a small part of the action in the Conservative government's Economic Action Plan. That's the finding of a Queen's University study into how the sexes are faring in federal stimulus spending.

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Couple accused of bartering sex with daughter

Authorities in Georgia say a mother and father offered sex with their 14-year-old daughter in lieu of making payments on their minivan. Police say the parents were arrested Monday and are in jail awaiting a bond hearing. They face child molestation and pandering charges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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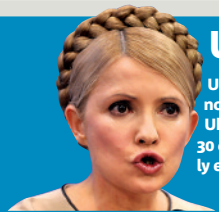

Ukrainian PM ousted

Ukrainian parliament ousted Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, left, in a no-confidence motion yesterday that could end a political deadlock that has forced Ukraine to cope with a severe economic crisis without a budget. Parliament now has 30 days to form a new governing coalition, and it is expected to coalesce around newly elected President Viktor Yanukovych's Party of Regions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Widening scandal shocks Germany

It happened for years, again and again. Every morning before class, the boys had to undress and Father Ludger Stueper sprayed them with cold water from the hose, front and back.

The boys also had to lie down on Stueper's couch where the Roman Catholic priest would take their temperature — rectally for seven minutes. Then there were the photos taken of the boys, forced to pose naked.

A few of the at least 150 victims are now willing to speak out in an ever-widening scandal involving allegations of priests sexually abusing their pupils at several Catholic high schools across Germany.

The scandal has spiralled since seven alumni of the prestigious Catholic Canisius Kolleg in Berlin first came forward with allegations of abuse in January, shocking the homeland of Pope Benedict XVI.

While the focus of the sex abuse scandal in the Catholic church centred on the U.S. for several years, abuse scandals have in recent years erupted in other countries as well, including Canada, Ireland, the Philippines, Poland, Mexico, Italy and elsewhere.

More than one month after the first victims came forward in Berlin, new revelations of child abuse by Catholic priests are surfacing on an almost daily basis.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," the Rev. Klaus Mertes, the director of Canisius Kolleg said last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Papal reaction

- Neither Pope Benedict XVI nor the Vatican has made specific remarks about the abuse scandal in Germany, a Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini, said, but he added that previous statements on other such scandals — including most recently about Ireland — are certainly valid for Germany.

Uganda **Death toll rises**

STEPHEN WANDERA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Men carry a coffin up towards the area of the mudslides in Uganda yesterday. Rivers of mud swamped houses, stores and at least one school after torrential rains Tuesday, killing at least 92 people with some 250 still missing, officials say.

Facebook scuttles Israeli raid

SOCIAL MEDIA Israel's military has "unfriended" one of its own — after a combat soldier potentially updated Israel's enemies on Facebook. The military said yesterday that a planned raid on a West Bank village was called off after the soldier disclosed its details online. The military said the soldier posted the time and location of the raid on his Facebook page, saying that troops were planning on "cleaning up" the village.

Fellow soldiers reported the leak to military authorities, who cancelled the raid, fearing that the information may have reached hostile groups and put troops at risk.

The soldier was court-martialled and sentenced to 10 days in prison. He was also removed from his battalion and combat postings. A military statement added that it is cracking down on soldiers' use of social networking sites. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Air traffic controller briefly let child direct airplanes

An air traffic controller at New York's Kennedy Airport was suspended yesterday for allowing his young son to radio instructions to several pilots.

The few quick exchanges between the elementary-school-aged child and jets waiting to take off from JFK, one of America's busiest airports, appeared to delight pilots at the time.

But the Federal Aviation Administration suspended the controller and a supervisor after recordings of the calls were posted on the Internet, then reported on by a Boston TV station.

"This lapse in judgment not only violated FAA's own policies, but common sense standards for professional conduct. These kinds of distractions are totally unacceptable," FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt said in a statement. On the recording, which lasts about a minute, the boy appears to repeat instructions fed to him by his father. At no time does the child tell aircraft how to manoeuvre or where they should go.

> **"These kinds of distractions are totally unacceptable."**
> Randy Babbitt, FAA

The FAA said it has also barred unofficial visits by friends or relatives while it reviews its policies.

"JetBlue 171 cleared for takeoff," the boy says in his first call. His father follows that up with a more detailed instruction for the aircraft, which was headed to Sacramento, Calif.

He then offers an explanation to pilots on the air: "This is what you get, guys, when the kids are out of school." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Road accidents leading cause of death worldwide for young

STATISTICS Road accidents are the leading cause of death for youths from ages five to 29, and nearly half of the 1.2 million traffic fatalities each year are pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists, the World Health Organization said.

The study finds that more than 90 per cent of the fatalities occur in developing nations, and in some of the poorer nations as many as four-fifths of those killed in road traffic are "vulnerable road users," or those not in cars.

Up to 50 million others a year are injured in road traffic, according to the report based on 2008 survey data.

"A large proportion of those end up often with lifelong disabilities," said Dr. Etienne Krug, a Belgian who oversees the Geneva-based World Health Organization's department for reducing injuries and violence.

The release of the study, described by WHO officials as the first broad assessment of road safety in 178 nations, coincided with a United Nations General Assembly meeting to proclaim the next 10 years a UN decade of action on road safety. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Deaths worldwide of people aged 5 to 29 each year from road accidents, nearly half of which are pedestrians.

Blogger on trial
An Egyptian blogger is being tried in a military tribunal for accusing the nation's army academy of corruption on his blog. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama makes final push for health care

U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday made what is expected to be his final push to overhaul the American health-care system, revising his plans in an attempt to win the support of moderate Democrats.

Obama's latest proposal included some ideas favoured by Republicans, though he has little hope of winning over even a single Republican lawmaker. Republicans have called on him to discard his proposals and start working with them on a new one.

But the White House hopes that by including elements of Republican plans, Obama can win over Democratic lawmakers from conservative districts whose re-election hopes in November could be jeopardized by voting for the bill. If he can generate stronger Democratic support, he can manoeuver to bypass Republican objections.

"I don't see how another year of negotiations would help. Moreover, the insurance companies aren't starting over."
U.S. President Barack Obama

"I don't see how another year of negotiations would help. Moreover, the insurance companies aren't starting over," Obama said, rejecting Republican calls to begin anew.

The president endorsed a plan by Democrats to try and enact the legislation by majority vote — using a Senate procedure that would deny Republicans the right to procedural delays.

Obama's appeal came several days after he convened a televised bipartisan summit with lawmakers, then released a revised plan that he said incorporated several Republican suggestions.

At its core, Obama's proposal would extend health care to tens of millions of uninsured Americans, while cracking down on insurance company practices such as denying coverage on the basis of a pre-existing medical condition. The United States is the only major industrialized country without universal health care. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

BEIJING China's space program will launch an unmanned experimental module next year, the first component of a permanent space station, state media says. A module named Tiangong 1, or "Heavenly Palace," will be used for docking practice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cheating – stupid is as stupid does

Relating

This just in: Cheating is dumb. Dr. Satoshi Kanazawa, an evolutionary psychologist of the London School of Economics and Political Science, has published a study suggesting that men with higher IQs are less likely to cheat on their partners. ("Or," posited Gawker's Richard Lawson, "are they just better at not getting caught?")

The publication of the paper in Social Psychology Quarterly has if nothing else provided yet another opportunity for less cerebral media to publish more pictures of Tiger Woods. (As well as glib, scientifically illiterate columns like this one, I suppose.)

Kanazawa's theory is that primitive man was hardwired for promiscuity, and monogamy is a more recent invention, an "evolutionary novel" behaviour that requires a little more head-horsepower to achieve.

He also found liberals and atheists tended to have higher IQs than conservatives and believers, again reaching for the explanation of evolutionary novelty. Is it any wonder religious conservatives are the least likely to believe in evolution? What's in it for them?

Smart women, meanwhile, were found no less apt to get some on the side than those with lower IQs. Evolution is tricky stuff, eh?

With all due respect to the good doctor, there may be a bit of confusion of cause and effect going on here. Maybe cheating makes you stupid. The likes of Eliot Spitzer and Bill Clinton, initially considered pretty sharp, ended up looking distinctly dumb once their reckless hornd oggery was exposed.

And maybe we're reading too much into Kanazawa's findings that "more intelligent men are more likely to value monogamy and sexual exclusivity than less intelligent men," which is hardly a predictor of behaviour. Most cheaters will acknowledge that it's wrong, but they do it anyway.

All of which maybe goes to show that science, while a nifty pursuit for eggheads whose presumed penchant for monogamy leaves them with time on their hands, is a crude tool for mapping the complexities of the relationship you actually live in.

Where does this leave us? Why are you asking me? If you're dumb enough to sleep around, and experience teaches that many of us are, I'd suggest you'll need a smarter plan than blaming either your modest IQ or millions of years of evolution when you get caught.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

Women with sticks deserve same recognition

FourthWave

Both our hockey teams struck Olympic gold in Vancouver. The next day, hockey fever raged on for the NHL. But whither the women after the podium was packed away? Is there support for women's hockey beyond the Games?

I polled a few hockey-obsessed friends: The answer was no. For one, there's no professional league; even if there were, the game lacks speed and finesse, one said. Another said women don't excite the way pugilistic NHLers do. Wait, where did that fuzzy feeling go? I thought we were proud of our golden girls.

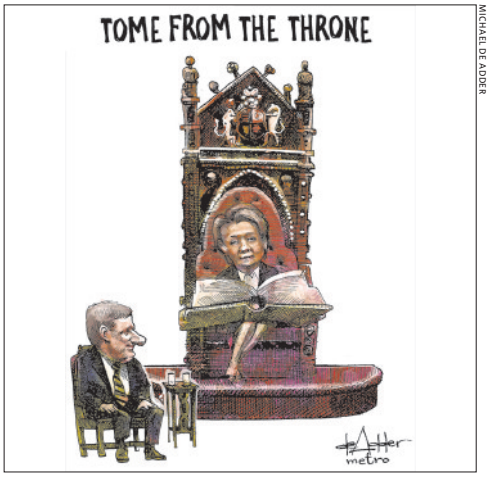
Female hockey players have always been a bit subversive. The sport began with men, and as a result, fans have come to see the boys' version as the way it ought to be played. Now, women are adopting it, but with a style that's all their own.

There are some examples of women in men's hockey: Hayley Wickenheiser in European leagues; Manon Rheaume in NHL exhibition games.

It's a difficult pill to swallow, acknowledging that some spectators will never be inspired by women for their sheer athleticism; that she will always be good ... for a girl.

Add to that the talk that women's hockey ought to be removed from the Olympics. Supporters cried foul, maintaining that it will just take time to establish the sport and develop a deep talent pool. I hope that's the case. That would be golden.

Canice Leung is a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.



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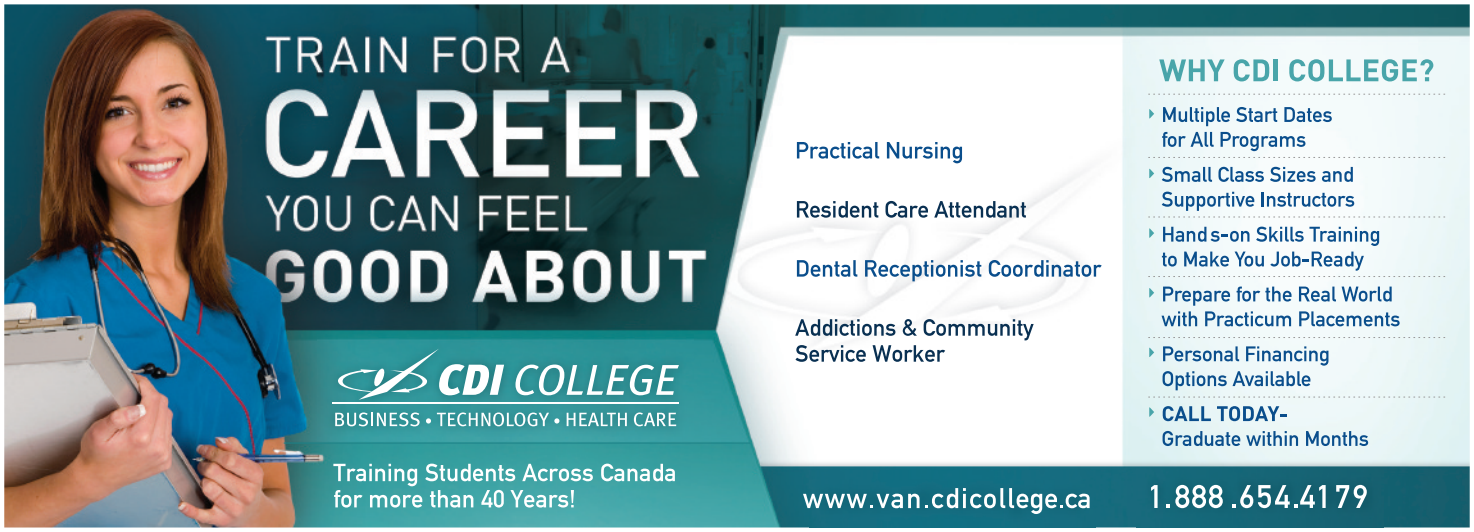

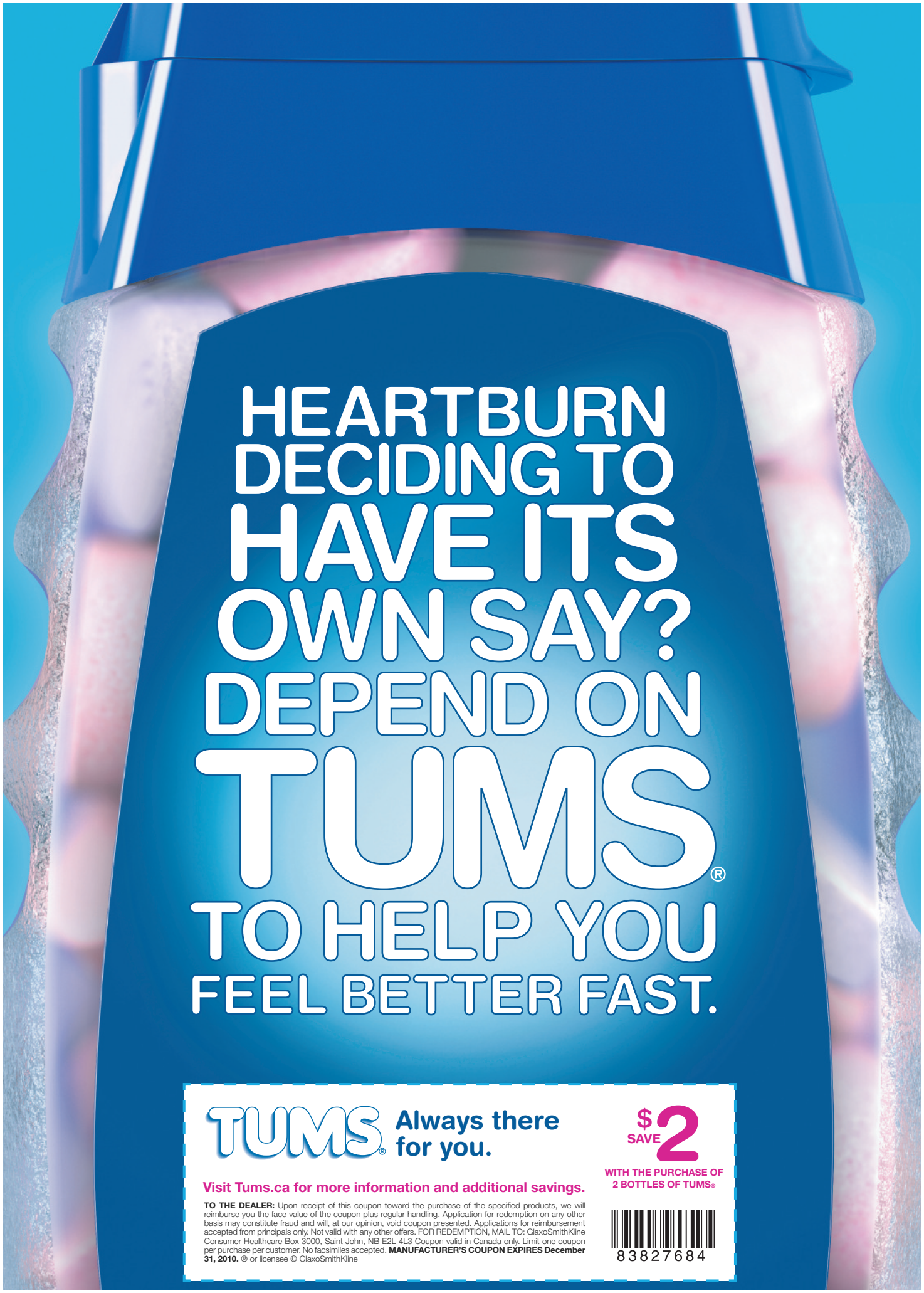

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Bankruptcy up 25% in '09

The number of Canadians who filed for bankruptcy was up by more than a quarter last year, but both business and personal bankruptcies fell for the third straight month in December.

Overall, bankruptcies were up by 25.9 per cent, and consumer bankruptcies rose by 28.4 per cent from the last month of 2008, when Canada and most other developed countries were in the midst of a major global recession.

December also showed improvements from the preceding months of 2009, although the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcies cautioned that filings have historically tended to decrease in the latter part of most years.

Consumer bankruptcies dropped 8.7 per cent in December, following a 3.8 per cent decline in November.

Proposals, an alternative to bankruptcy that allows for a renegotiation of payments, also fell by 16.6 per cent in December, according to statistics compiled by the federal superintendent of bankruptcy.

"The continuation of the downward trend in consumer bankruptcy filings appears to be an increasingly positive sign that Canadian households are getting a better grasp on their finances," said Royal Bank economist David Onyett-Jeffries.

Onyett-Jeffries explained that recent changes to the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act encourages consumers to restructure debt as an alternative to declaring bankruptcy.

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Firms fare well

- Canadian firms appeared to have fared remarkably well during the downturn. Business bankruptcies fell 7.7 per cent in December and for 2009 as a whole, they were down 12.1 per cent.

In brief

PROFIT Torstar Corp. rose to a $57.4-million profit in the fourth quarter, reversing a year-earlier loss as the big media company weathered a turbulent economy and benefited from earlier cost-cutting.

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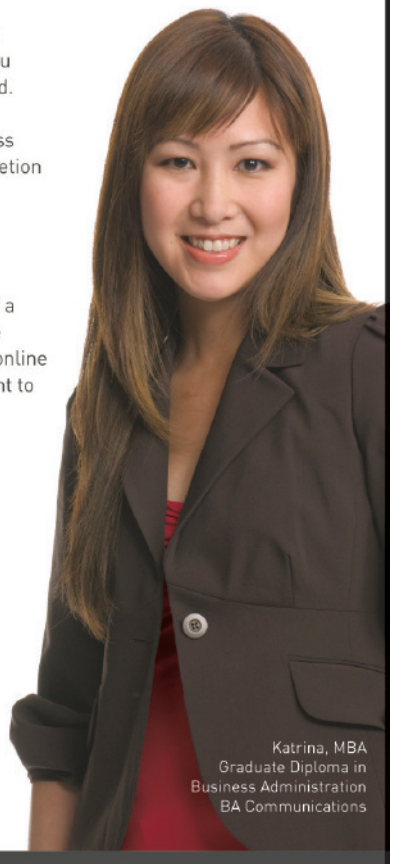

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Manning has surgery on neck

Four-time NFL MVP Peyton Manning has undergone neck surgery to relieve pain caused by a pinched nerve. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Vancouver Canucks centre Henrik Sedin celebrates Alexandre Burrows' goal against the Detroit Red Wings last night in Detroit. The Canucks won 6-3.

Canucks clip Wings

Kesler nets two goals, Sedins have three assists each

NHL RESULTS

Canucks 6 Red Wings 3

VS

Ryan Kesler scored twice, and gold-medal winning Canadian goalie Roberto Luongo made 28 saves to help the Vancouver Canucks beat the Detroit Red Wings 6-3 last night.

Alex Burrows, Kyle Wellwood, Sami Salo and Mikael Samuelsson also scored, and Henrik and Daniel Sedin each had three assists.

Jason Williams, Henrik Zetterberg and Johan Franzen scored for Detroit. Jimmy Howard made 17 saves before being pulled in favour of Chris Osgood midway through the second period. Osgood stopped 10 shots.

Wellwood's breakaway goal came 7:11 into the second period and gave the Canucks a 3-2 lead. He beat Howard high on the glove side after taking a pass from Aaron Rome. Salo's power-play goal with 8:27 left in the second made it 4-2. His screened wrist shot from the left point sent Howard to the bench.

Samuelsson scored his 22nd goal to make it 5-2 2 with 2:10 left in the second.

Kesler, from the Detroit suburb of Livonia, got his second goal, on the power play, and 18th of the season 6:35 into the third period.

Franzen scored on a power play with 4:47 left.

Zetterberg tied it at 2 for Detroit 1:47 into the second period with his 200th career goal. It was Zetterberg's 17th of the season.

Kesler opened the scoring 3:34 into the game, and Williams tied it with 5:50 left in the period. Burrows restored Vancouver's lead just 1:30 later when he deflected Daniel Sedin's pass out of the air and over Howard's shoulder. Burrows has 28th goals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Around the NHL

- The Washington Capitals spoiled U.S. Olympic hero Ryan Miller's return to the Buffalo Sabres' lineup yesterday. Mike Green snapped a third-period tie and the Capitals upstaged Miller in a 3-1 victory over the slumping Buffalo Sabres.
- Michael Frolik scored twice, David Booth had a goal and three assists and the Florida Panthers snapped a season-high seven-game losing streak with a 7-4 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers.

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Caddie says Woods kept him in the dark

Tiger Woods' caddie Steve Williams says he knew nothing about the golfer's extramarital affairs and was angry with him over the scandal. Williams told New Zealand TV3's 60 Minutes program yesterday that he is also bitter at the reaction toward him from the media and members of the public. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

WOODS Jack Nicklaus is going to appear at next month's Masters. He thinks Tiger Woods will as well. Nicklaus said yesterday that "it would surprise me" if Woods did not return to competitive golf in time for the Masters, a tournament the embattled world No. 1 has won four times in his career.

NHL The sale of the Tampa Bay Lightning to Boston Red Sox minority owner Jeff Vinik is complete. The NHL's Board of Governors gave unanimous approval to the deal yesterday.

BASEBALL Outfielder Justin Upton and the Arizona Diamondbacks have agreed to a $51.25-million US, six-year contract.

SOCCER Canada captured the Cyprus Women's Cup soccer title with a 1-0 victory over New Zealand yesterday. Diana Matheson scored the lone goal in the 70th minute as Canada finished the tournament undefeated with four wins.

SOCCER The head of Spain's top soccer league says action must be taken to break the dominance of Barcelona and Real Madrid and make La Liga more competitive.

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Lots of deals, but big names aren't traded

Brian Burke said it best, as he often does.

"I would say it was decidedly quiet," the Toronto Maple Leafs general manager said after the NHL trade deadline had passed. "Lots of activity, but it's a low hum, you know? No big thunder claps."

Burke and his colleagues had moved plenty of freight yesterday, but no move on its own seemed like it could change a season. The Washington Capitals added plenty of veteran depth, while the Leafs and the Carolina Hurricanes shed some of theirs, but the league's annual bazaar closed without one signature, marquee move.

Defenceman Tomas Kaberle remained with the Leafs. Goaltender Tomas Vokoun was still employed by the Florida Panthers and Ray Whitney was, remarkably, still with the Hurricanes.

The Vancouver Canucks made minor moves yesterday, acquiring three players in separate deals.

Vancouver acquired defenceman Andrew Alberts from Carolina for a conditional third-round pick.

The Canucks also dealt defenceman Mathieu Schneider to Phoenix for minor-league defenceman Sean Zimmerman and a conditional sixth-round pick.

Vancouver added to its minor leagues by picking up centre Yan Stastny in a trade with St. Louis for winger Pierre-Cedric Labrie.

Stastny was assigned to AHL Manitoba.

The 27-year-old has played 91 career NHL games with St. Louis, Boston and Edmonton.

The Canucks signed Labrie as a free agent in 2007. He has yet to appear in an NHL game.

"It's challenging to try and find the space to fit players in, both roster-wise and financially," Vancouver Canucks general manager Mike Gillis said in a conference call with reporters.

"That, combined with the number of teams that are still in playoff races, I think made it a pretty difficult day to get much accomplished."

Washington acquired defenceman Joe Corvo from Carolina.

The Capitals also picked up forward Scott Walker from the Hurricanes, defenceman Milan Jurcina from Columbus and forward Eric Belanger from Minnesota.

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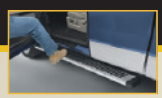

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Time for micro-lofts

Suite Talk

The builder behind the Woodward's Redevelopment Project has recently announced the launch of Vancouver's smallest and most affordable rental suites.

The micro-lofts are compact units at just 270-square-feet. They'll be located in the century-old heritage Burns Block building at 18 West Hastings, which will be restored.

It's being developed by ITC Construction Group — one of Western Canada's largest construction companies.

Peter Rezansoff, ITC's president and chief executive officer, said in a press release his company sees the micro-lofts as a project that will continue to improve the area.

"The City of Vancouver, developers, educators and others have put significant effort into the revitalization of the Downtown Eastside," Rezansoff said. "There are several great examples of this effort and I urge other companies to look at where contributions involving corporate social responsibility can be increased."

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Light it up in style

Homes in Style

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The right light fixture can do wonders for a room, whether the space calls for ambient lighting, accenting or spotlighting a specific area.

The right fixture can also do wonders for your appearance, says Royal Lighting's General Manager Michael Gladstone.

"In the bedroom it can help you tell the difference between whether your pants or skirt are black or dark blue," said Gladstone. "In the bathroom if you have the right lighting, it enables you to do a better job shaving or putting on your makeup. A potlight above your head, for example, means your body is creating a shadow, so you are not putting on makeup in the right light."

A plain or unappealing fixture can do little for a room — in contrast, an eye-catching chandelier or floor lamp can cast a gorgeous glow, or act as a delightful decorative piece.

"You walk into someone's house and they have the $11 fixture that the builder put in 14 years ago," said Gladstone, who has been in the lighting business for 30 years. "Or you have a beautiful piece of crystal lighting, something that really sets the room off. It makes such a difference."

With the Sphere Table Lamp, right, a curvaceous base in silver-plated glass or richly toned, hand-pieced sheesham wood, is balanced by a cylindrical shade. $99. The Pebble Table Lamp, with a silver glass base and white textured cotton shade, is inspired by the smooth, organic shape of a river rock. West Elm, $179, westelm.com.

The Glass Link Chandelier, right, is a chic, modern take on traditional design and adds a festive sparkle to the table. $299. The luminous natural capiz shells on the Natural Capiz Pendant diffuses the light. $99. Both from West Elm, westelm.com.

Style

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Oscar outfits

Experts weigh in on red carpet expectations

JORDANA DIVON
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Hollywood Votes
Academy Awards

Awards? What awards? For many, Oscar night is the world's most elaborate fashion show, a chance for the sartorially minded to revel in the beauty (and occasional beastliness) of Hollywood glamour.

Just in case you can't wait until the weekend, Metro has assembled an expert panel to drop a few hints about what to expect on this year's Academy Awards runway.

The Ladies

Los Angeles-based Ali Rahimi is an awards show pro, having dressed stars like Amy Adams, Anjelica Huston and Jane Lynch for their respective romps down the red carpet. And although he won't tell us who, don't be surprised to see one of his gowns floating into The Kodak Theatre on Sunday.

"In the past few years the trend has been discovering new designers – not just sticking with the same old guard – and feeling comfortable enough to take a chance and wear colour or fabrics that are a little more out there. There's always going to be black, but I think we're also going to see a lot more fabrics like silk taffeta, which is very malleable to drape different designs in, silk duchess, crepe, and we're seeing a lot of wonderfully complicated, intricate knits as well."

Left: Sturat Weitzman black satin glitzy sandal, $485.

The Gents

Menswear designer Dimitri Chris has been stitching up his niche on the Montreal fashion scene for the past decade, and is the veteran of not one, but two prêt-à-porter collections during la belle ville's Fashion Week. His use of shape and creative combinations has singled him out as one to watch.

"If a guy doesn't wear a traditional black tuxedo and tie he will automatically stand out and not necessarily in the right way. So to make a good statement, I think the men should opt for a real knotted bowtie, preferably in a pattern rather than solid black. They can also try a less conventional tuxedo with a lightweight velvet dinner jacket or a full-on silk tux in a navy or dark gray instead of the classic black."

The Shoes

Stuart Weitzman's 'million dollar shoes' have been an Oscars staple since 2002, and his work can be seen supporting many of the world's most famous arches.

"(This year we will see) lots and lots of platforms — the higher the better, as well as some unique feather detail designs, crystals, of course, and color palette of nudes and metallics. Stars are always ahead of the curve when it comes to embracing the latest in cutting-edge fashion, so expect the unexpected, especially from Maggie Gyllenhaal and Penelope Cruz."

Actresses Jane Lynch, far right, (wearing Ali Rahimi) and Maggie Gyllenhall, right, (in Roland Mouret).

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Nine West floral clutch, $120, for a little flower power. At The Bay.

Airplus Shoe Comfort Kit, $12.99, includes non-slippies for the soles of your fancy shoes.

A hand-crafted Charlotte Hosten necklace, from $170, is gorgeous with your LBD or white tank and jeans. charlottehosten.com

Halle by Halle Berry, $49, the scent of an Oscar-winning woman.

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GREY HAZE

The soft new urban hue

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Synthetic-leather shoulder bag, Feet First ($45, feet-firstshoes.com)

Linen and cotton blazer, French Connection ($148, frenchconnection.com)

Synthetic-leather platform sandals, Aldo ($80, aldoshoes.com)

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Timberlake, Diaz reunite —on screen

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Entertainment

Rising star

Sam Worthington will be honoured as the ShoWest Male Star of the Year at the annual cinema owners' convention in Las Vegas this month. The Avatar star will receive the prize at an awards gala. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Bublé leads with 6 Juno noms

Billy Talent, Johnny Reid, Drake each up for 4 prizes

The Juno Awards are crazy for Vancouver crooner Michael Bublé and his hit album Crazy Love.

Bublé scored a leading six nominations as this year's Juno contenders were announced Wednesday.

Rockers Billy Talent, rapper Drake and country singer Johnny Reid all landed four nominations apiece.

Teen sensation Justin Bieber and Toronto indie-rockers Metric received three nods each.

Bublé's album Crazy Love also landed producers Bob Rock and David Foster a nomination each in the producer of the year category.

Rockers Billy Talent, from Mississauga, Ont., are up for single of the year for Rusted From The Rain, album of the year, group of the year and rock album of the year.

Drake, fresh off two Grammy nominations, will compete for single of the year (Best I Ever Had), new artist of the year, and a double nomination in the category of rap recording of the year.

Finally, singer-songwriter Johnny Reid — who was born in Scotland, raised in Toronto and now lives in Nashville — is up for fan choice, album of the year, artist of the year and country album of the year.

Michael Bublé has landed six Juno nominations.

Bublé, Drake and Justin Bieber will be among the performers at the Junos, set for April 18 in St. John's, N.L.

Bryan Adams is slated to receive a humanitarian award and April Wine will be inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

Comedian Russell Peters has hosted the show for the last two years, but a spokeswoman for the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences confirmed that the funnyman would not be back for this year's festivities.

Instead, the Junos will use several hosts.

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Juno contenders

- **Juno Fan Choice Award:** Ginette Reno, Johnny Reid, Maxime Landry, Michael Bublé, Nickelback
- **Artist Of The Year:** Diana Krall, Jann Arden, Johnny Reid, K'Naan, Michael Bublé
- **Group Of The Year:** Billy Talent, Blue Rodeo, Hedley, Metric, The Tragically Hip
- **New Artist:** Carley Rae Jepsen, Danny Fernandes, Drake, Justin Bieber, Shiloh
- **Alternative Album Of The Year:** Face Control, Handsome Furs, Post-Nothing, Japandroids, I Can Wonder What You Did With Your Day, Julie Doiron, Fantasies, Metric, Sainthood, Tegan & Sara
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Derülo sings his heart out

Jason Derülo

Album: Jason Derülo
Label: Warner
Rating:

AFTER YEARS OF writing for other artists, latest R&B sensation Jason Derülo finally has his own success with hits Whatcha Say and In My Head. Creating a full-length on their backs, this nine-track eponymous effort ranges from simplistic dance anthems to more of the same. Completely vacuous, Derülo solely bleats about love in various states (falling into it, emotional hangovers and so on) and seems more concerned with finding vocal hooks than crafting anything of merit. Richly upbeat and overflowing with synthesized effects, Jason Derülo is danceable and quirky but it's also far from enduring or in danger of redefining pop music. Instead, it does as planned: makes a quick cash grab with rudimentary, disposable aural Pabulum.

Keith Carman/for Metro Canada

Rogue Wave

Album: Permalight
Label: Universal
Rating:

OAKLAND'S ROGUE WAVE have never quit lived up to the promise they showed on their stunning debut Out of the Shadow. But, after two lackluster discs, their fourth record finally comes close. The record is filled with a mix of soft acoustic numbers and more upbeat electro-tinged tunes. It's the former where they really shine — Solitary Gun is a gorgeous mid-tempo track. Unfortunately, some of the tracks sound a lot like Death Cab for Cutie, which takes away from Zack Rogue's improved songwriting.

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Joanna Newsom

Album: Have One On Me
Label: Drag City
Rating:

YOU HAVE TO BE nuts to release a two-hour, three-album record filled with spare harp-filled sounds, so it's no surprise that Joanna Newsom has done exactly that. The eclectic singer-songwriter lays down 18 delicate, almost musical-like tracks on her third effort. This album is her most direct and lyrically realized, and while it's difficult to wrap your head around at first, these oddly infectious tunes are growers. Her one problem is the same issue anyone releasing a double disc or more faces — cutting a few of the more forgetful tunes would have made this a five star listen.

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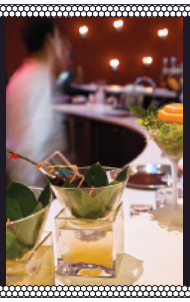
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Mantou Buns ($9)

Chinese brasserie brings new vibe to old hood

It's been a sad fact for far too long that the best Chinese food in the Lower Mainland is not in Chinatown.

Enter Tannis Ling, former barkeep at Chambar, and owner of Bao Bei, a self-styled Chinese brasserie that just opened up in Chinatown, around the corner from old-timers like New Town Bakery. In the kitchen is Joel Watanabe (formerly of Bin 942, Araxi and La Brasserie).

For a place run by a bartender, I was surprised to see only five cocktails on the menu, but these are an interesting selection, balanced out with lots of fresh herbs, juices and quality hooch.

On our first visit, the Madame Chiang ($9) stood out, a simple blend of gin, Fernet Branca and fresh grapefruit.

As for the food, the prices here are equally accessible. All of the "schnacks" are $4, and include items like the tasty crispy fishies; tiny whole dried anchovies laced with peanuts and chilies.

Pot stickers are $5 to $7, and were less impressive. The fish noodle version ($15) was a favourite, with house made fish balls, clams, prawns and fresh herbs.

The "petits plats chinois," which make up the bulk of the offerings, mainly hover between $6 and $12, although the Manila clams are $17.50. There were hits and misses here.

Steamed Mantou buns with braised shortrib ($9) were much better. These are deconstructed flat buns topped with the shredded rib, scallions, and pickled cucumbers, and were comfortable handfuls.

The bahn mi trung ($8) was an interesting take on a classic Vietnamese sub, with more of that house-made Chinese sausage, a free-range omelette, pickled daikon and a chili-garlic mayo, and was quite delicious, if a little unwieldy in size.

Bao Bei has a lot going for it, and I'm sure will be a popular draw in an area that could certainly use a bit of an economic lift. The blips on the menu will hopefully even out over time, and I foresee a long and successful run for the new kid on the old block.

On the web

- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.
- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.

New releases

This week's new release is actually a drink. With Alice in Wonderland opening in theatres tomorrow, here's a drink to celebrate "tea time" in a whole new way. I substituted simple syrup for sugar, but both work equally well.

Hendrick's Time
½ oz Hendrick's Gin
Dash of fresh lemon juice
Lime peel, curled
Stick of cinnamon
1 cup white tea
Sugar to taste

Combine all ingredients in tea cup, stir with cinnamon stick, and add a few drops of simple syrup or sugar to reach desired sweetness. And a very merry, un-birthday to you!

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	291	383	27 PBS	Field Guide	Steves Europe	Doc Martin Louisa has a rival.		Poirot (CC)		Veiled Voices (CC) (DVS)		Evening
	290	382	28 FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	American Idol (CC)		Kitchen Nightmares (N) (CC)		Q13 FOX News at Ten (N)		Family Guy
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	522	506	44 HIS	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Ancient Discoveries (CC)		Ancestors	Ancestors	Nostradamus Effect		Jobs
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	294	650	47 TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Lopez Tonight (N)		Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Lopez Tonight
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	320	621	60 CEN	(6:30) 45 R.P.M. (2008) (CC)		Waltz With Bashir ★★★★ (2008) Premiere.				(:35) Sukiyaki Western Django ★★ (2007)		Balls Out
	581	566	101 MTV	Taking, Stage	Made (CC)	MTV Live	Movie Night	The Real World (CC)		Taking, Stage	Made (CC)	MTV Live
	261	394	102 V	(6:00) Carrington ★★ (1995, Docudrama) (CC)			Recreat. Eden	The Good Shepherd ★★ (2004) Christian Slater. (CC)				Paid Program
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critics' corner

The Office
When Pam's (Jenna Fischer) contractions begin, she and Jim (John Krasinski) try to wait things out as long as possible so they can have more time at the hospital, so their co-workers distract her with food and entertainment. At the hospital, Michael (Steve Carell) anxiously awaits the baby's arrival while back at the office, Erin (Ellie Kemper) makes Andy (Ed Helms) jealous by having lunch with Kevin (Brian Baumgartner) in the new episode "The Delivery." 6 PM on STR

CSI: Crime Scene Investigation
Talk about a shocking musical experience! Langston (Laurence Fishburne) and his team investigate when a member of Rascal Flatts (guest starring as themselves) is electrocuted by his own guitar during a concert, raising the question of whether it was an accident or foul play. Will Patton ("24") guest stars in the new episode "Unshockable"; Marg Helgenberger and George Eads also star. 7 PM on CTV

You know you've had too much when ...
Beverly Hills plastic surgeon Frank Ryan recently performed 10 procedures on Heidi Montag. Now he tells UsMagazine.com he won't operate on The Hills star, 23, again. "There's really nothing to do," he said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

No financial Bale out for sis

BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER BUT NOT AS THICK AS 60 MILLION ONE DOLLAR BILLS Christian Bale — whose family had him arrested in July 2008 on assault charges after an incident at London's Dorchester hotel — is unlikely to offer his sister Sharon any of his $60 million fortune, despite the charges later being dropped, because they have not spoken since, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

His sister Sharon, 42, faced a bankruptcy hearing at Bournemouth County Court, and is in the precarious financial situation because of a number of disastrous property investments.

"Christian doesn't know about the bankruptcy. I wouldn't expect him to help," she says. "We don't speak anymore. It's totally his decision and it makes us all very sad. I started my own property investment company and made some mistakes."

Bale's 61-year-old mother Jenny — whose daughter now faces the possibility of losing her home — revealed they not had any contact with the actor for the past year.

"Sharon is in a pretty dire situation and has always tried her hardest to support her family," says Bale's mom. "We don't have Christian's current number and he doesn't know anything about what's happening."

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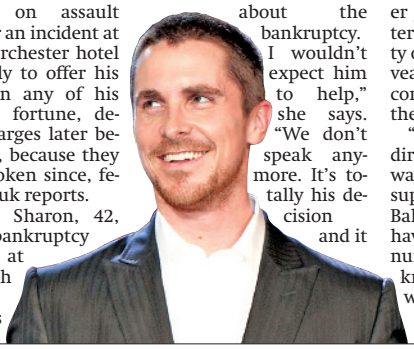

Betty White not dead yet

GOSSIP WRITERS — SHOULDN'T TRUST THEM. EXCEPT FOR US, OF COURSE There are some people who you just shouldn't mess with, and one of them is Golden Girls goddess Betty White, popeater.ca reports.

In the wee hours of Tuesday night/Wednesday morning, a dastardly hoax was perpetrated in the comments area of popular gossip blog Oh No They Didn't, where a screen-shot of a fake TMZ article was posted claiming the actress had died.

How'd she perish? The faux article said it was mixture of drug abuse and foul play. From there, the rumour spread like wildfire and quickly became a hot trend on Twitter and Google.

A blog called The Cutting Room Floor got to the bottom of the hoax early Wednesday.

Though commenters on Oh No They Didn't claimed they had seen the article on TMZ, no such piece could be found on the popular website's homepage.

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This was about a stun gun, right?

NOT A SEMI-AUTOMATIC OR A BAZOOKA? A lawyer for Katherine Jackson is zapping reports that Jermaine Jackson's 13-year-old son Jaafar allegedly tried to harm the late King of Pop's son Blanket with a stun gun, people.com reports.

The L.A. County Department of Children and Family Services visited the Jacksons' Encino, Calif., home, but the family insists it was much ado about nothing.

"Blanket Jackson never saw or heard the stun gun," says attorney Adam Streisand in a statement.

"Neither did Paris Jackson. Prince saw the stun gun in the possession of security. There is no second stun gun."

Streisand says Jaafar, who lives with his mother Alejandra at the home, ordered a stun gun online two weeks ago and opened the package alone in his bathroom and tested it on a piece of paper.

"Mrs. Jackson and security heard the sound coming from the second floor of the house," the lawyer says.

"Immediately, security went upstairs and confiscated the stun gun. Mrs. Jackson took control over it and then had it removed from the house. There was no other incident.

"All of the kids are happy, healthy and wonderful and that is Mrs. Jackson's only objective and concern," Streisand adds.

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Avatar considered off limits

BUT CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT HE'D DO WITH IT IF IT WASN'T? If there was anyone who could fall into the "too racy for the Oscars" category when it came to writing a skit, Sacha Baron Cohen sits at the top of the list, popeater.com reports.

So it's no surprise that the man behind raunchy-yet-hysterical alter egos like Borat and Bruno had his skit vetoed from this weekend's Oscars telecast.

Why? Because it apparently contained some jokes directed at Avatar director James Cameron, and the show's producers didn't want to insult the man behind the biggest movie ever.

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CelebTweets

Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

CONAN O'BRIEN isn't adapting well to Twitter, **KELLY OSBOURNE** has her priorities set, **DIABLO CODY** isn't proud of herself, and **TAYLOR SWIFT** has poor impulse control.

@ConanOBrien This is only my 5th tweet and I'm already exhausted. My God, how does Ashton do it?

@MissKellyO I would not waste money on plastic surgery people have already made up there minds as to what I look like and I would rather buy a new dress

@diablocody Just transformed a full bag of "Tacos at Midnight" Doritos into a half-empty bag of "Shame at Noon" Doritos.

@taylorswift13 At the nail salon. Toes under the nail-dryer thing. They put me in front of the bowl of tootsie rolls. Now they're having to refill it.

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Poppa don't preach

TO THE PRESS PLEASE Of all the problems Lindsay Lohan has faced recently, she says the worst is her father, Michael Lohan, talking about her to the press.

"He's nuts. He is someone who is crying out for help and attention. He is the one who should be in rehab," Lohan says, according to Hollyscoop.

"The real issue here? I don't condone that he has never paid child support. He has never stepped up. It's not fair, my mom has been such a great mother and has done such a great job raising us."

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The man grew up in show business

IT'S HARDLY A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT FOR 'COMING OUT' Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe takes rumours about his sexuality in stride, he tells MTV News.

"My favourite thing I saw was a guy on the Internet that said, 'Of course he's gay. He's got a gay face,' which I thought was kind of an odd thing to say anyway," says Radcliffe.

"Like they've sat at home and have got pictures of me next to other famous gay (people) — Elton John, I don't know — just comparing across the years."

The 20-year-old star insists if he were gay, he'd say so, despite being famous.

"I don't think my position would have stopped me if I was gay," Radcliffe says.

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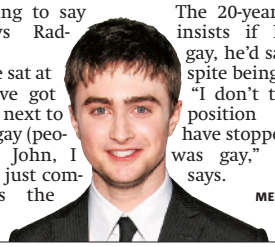

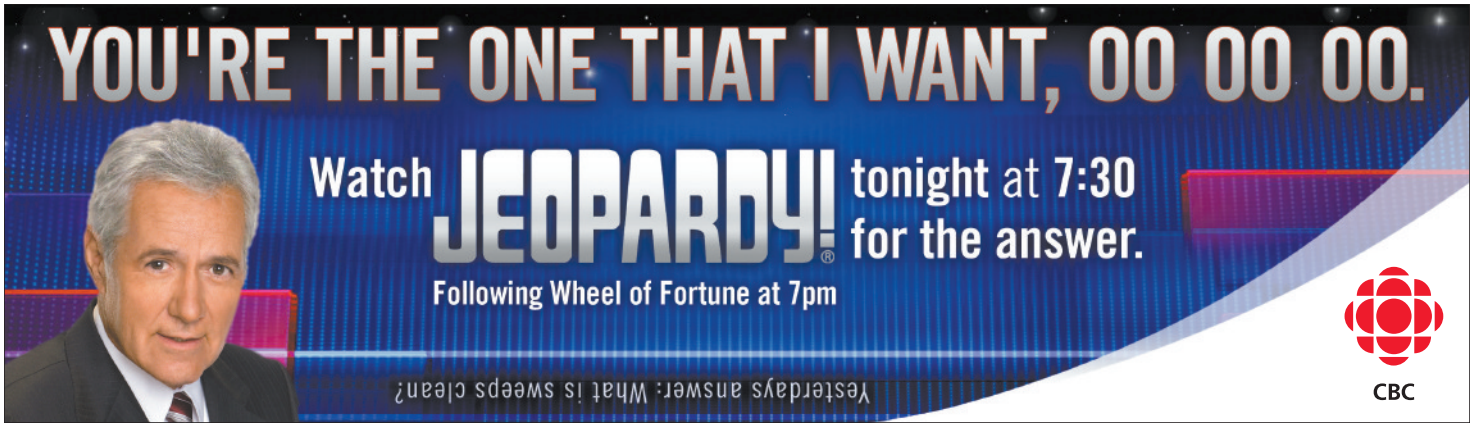

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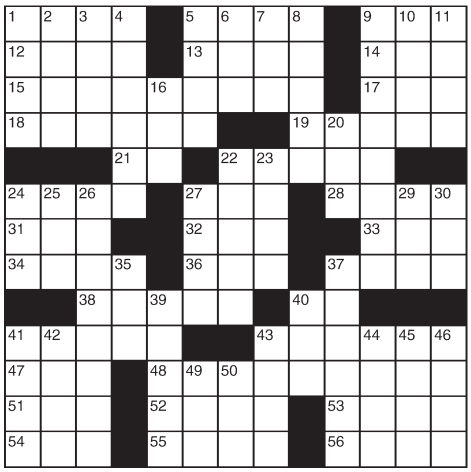

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Moroccan chickpea stew

INGREDIENTS:

15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
1 large onion, chopped
2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground ginger
2 ml (1/2 tsp) each salt and freshly cracked black pepper
1 ml (1/4 tsp) each turmeric, cinnamon and chili powder
1 can (796 ml/28 oz) diced tomatoes (undrained)
500 ml (2 cups) vegetable or chicken broth
2 peeled sweet potatoes, cut into chunks
250 ml (1 cup) long-grain white rice
1 can (540 ml/19 oz) chickpeas, rinsed and drained
2 zucchini, sliced

METHOD:

1. In a Dutch oven or large saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion, ginger, salt, pepper, turmeric, cinnamon and chili powder. Cook until onion is tender and golden, about 10 minutes. Stir in tomatoes with their juices and broth, scraping any bits from the bottom of the pan. Add sweet potatoes and rice; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to maintain a simmer, cover and cook for 15 minutes.

2. Stir in chickpeas and zucchini and cook until rice is tender and most of the liquid has been absorbed, about 10 minutes.

SERVES 4

Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
If you are creative or artistic then you will soon get the chance to show what you can do. Your special talent is about to make itself known.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A friend or family member needs your help and you won't hesitate to give it. You have energy, you have enthusiasm and you have self-belief.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Be ambitious today. Others may have more talent and experience than you but those things matter less than energy and self-belief.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you keep your eyes and ears open today you may get a pointer as to which direction your optimal future can be found. Pay attention!

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
The fact that you feel a certain way means you are entitled to feel that way – you don't need permission. You are who you are for a reason.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You will feel so alive and on top of things today that you will get ten things done in the time it usually takes you to do just one.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Go with the flow today, even if it appears to be taking you in a direction that doesn't feel right.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
It may not seem as if Lady Luck is smiling on you at the moment but a few weeks from now you will realize how many things began to change around this time.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
There are times when even a Sagittarius needs to unburden their feelings and this is one of them. But you must be careful who you choose to talk to.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You have more control over the events of your life than you seem to be aware of and what happens today will confirm that fact in some way.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Listen to your inner voice today. If it tells you that something is not quite right you must take note.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Believe it or not you are on the right track and making considerable progress, so there is no need to change your tactics or lower your sights.

This day in history

1519 – Hernan Cortes arrives in Mexico in search of the Aztec civilization and their wealth.
1789 – In New York City, the first United States Congress meets, putting the Constitution of the United States into effect.
1887 – Gottlieb Daimler unveils his first automobile which he test runs in Esslingen and Cannstatt, Germany.
1918 – The first case of Spanish flu occurs, the start of a devastating worldwide pandemic.
1966 – Canadian Pacific Air Lines DC-8-43 explodes on landing at Tokyo International Airport, killing 64 people.

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